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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 and respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

Enclosed are US Patent Nos. 6,013,718 and 5,665,812, which correspond to foreign language patent documents, French Patent Application No. FR-A-2 740 778 and European Patent Application EP-A- 692 493, respectively, both cited on page 4 of the specification. Also enclosed is US Patent No. 6,071,995 which corresponds to European Patent Application No. EP A 877 047, cited on page 4 of the specification.

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Enclosed are US Patent Nos. 6,380,321 and 5,900,449, which correspond to European Patent Application Nos. EP-A 0 735 088 and EP-A 0 810 258, respectively, cited on pages 16 and 17 of the specification.

There are no readily available English language translations of East German Patent documents, DD-A-139,661 and DD-A-236537, cited on page 6 of the specification.

Enclosed are English language abstracts for Japanese patent documents, JP-A-07/138411, JP-A-07/138412 and JP-A-07/292159, cited on pages 6 and 7. Also enclosed is the English language abstract for European Patent Document No. EP-A 1 043 357, cited on page 19.

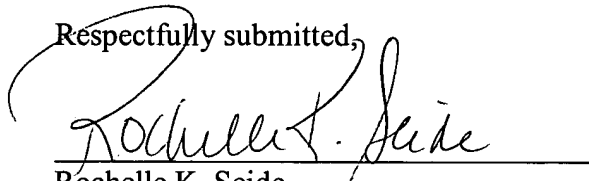
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